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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Peter Richard REEVES et al

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Appln. No.: **09/423,093**

Group Art Unit: **1634**

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For: **NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES SPECIFIC FOR
BACTERIAL ANTIGENS AND USES THEREOF**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner
of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated July 23, 2003, from October 23, 2002, to on or before January 23, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$260.00^{1/} is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office

^{1/} Applicants are entitled to small entity status as evidenced by the Small Entity Status Declaration filed November 1, 1999. Further, it is noted that Applicants filed a Petition for Two-month Extension of Time, along with the required fee, on December 23, 2002. Hence, the balance due for the third month's extension of time is submitted herewith.

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or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A
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Respectfully submitted,



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